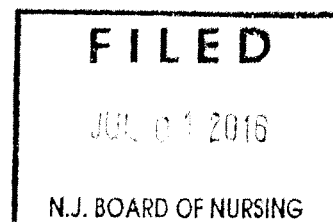


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| IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION | : | |
| OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF | : | Administrative Action |
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| LEANN NEWHARTZ, RN | : | |
| License # 26NR09012700 | : | CONSENT ORDER OF |
| | : | DENIAL OF REACTIVATION AND |
| TO PRACTICE NURSING IN | : | SURRENDER TO BE DEEMED |
| THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY | : | PERMANENT REVOCATION |
| | : | OF LICENSE |

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of a November 5, 2015 request from Leann Newhartz, RN ("Respondent") to reactivate her New Jersey license to practice nursing. Respondent had voluntarily placed her license in inactive status on or about May 23, 2014. As part of her reactivation application, Respondent submitted information indicating that she was arrested on or about March 13, 2013, by the Whitehall Township Police in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on one

count of Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition, one count of Receiving Stolen Property, and two counts of Forgery. On or about October 2, 2013, Respondent pled guilty in the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas to one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking (equivalent to N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3, Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition).

In that action, criminal authorities alleged that in or around April 2010, Respondent was hired by Twin Rivers Podiatry to take dictation and work as a bookkeeper. In December 2012, Respondent became ill and was unable to work for a number of weeks. Twin Rivers Podiatry hired a temporary bookkeeper who, upon reviewing the practice's financial records, identified multiple improprieties. Specifically, it was revealed that Respondent had stolen money from the practice through various means including diverting cash, paying herself more than her agreed-upon compensation, and writing herself unauthorized checks.

On or about November 12, 2013, Respondent was sentenced to five years' probation, including four months of house arrest to be served concurrently with the first four months of probation. Respondent is expected to be released from probation on or about November 12, 2018. As part of her sentence, Respondent was also

required to pay both restitution in the amount of \$56,676.18 and the costs of the criminal prosecution. She is currently paying restitution in the amount of \$200.00 per month pursuant to a court-authorized payment plan. Finally, Respondent was ordered to have no contact with the owner and employees of Twin Rivers Podiatry.

The Board hereby finds that Respondent has engaged in professional misconduct within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), and has been convicted of acts constituting any crime or offense involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), providing bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Board; and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 01 DAY OF July, 2016,
ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:**

1. Respondent's request for reactivation of her license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey is denied.

2. Respondent hereby surrenders her license to practice

nursing in the State of New Jersey and such surrender is to be deemed a permanent revocation, with prejudice, of Respondent's license.

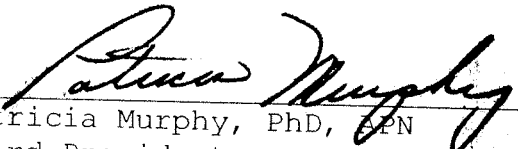
3. Respondent shall have no right to apply for reinstatement of her nursing license.

4. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall permanently refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey.

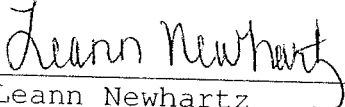
5. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Consent Order, forward her nursing license, both wallet and wall versions, to State Board of Nursing, Attention: Leslie Burgos, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

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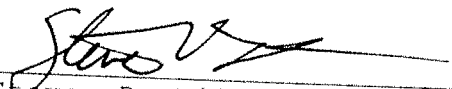
By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APRN
Board President

I have read and understand this Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the form and entry of this Order.


Leann Newhartz
License # 26NR09012700

I consent to the form and
entry of this Order.



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